

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the present applications, new claims 12-15 having been added, as indicated herein. Claims 1-11 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mano et al. (US Patent No.: 5,793,366) in view of Lawande et al. (US Patent No.: 6,405,247).

With respect to claims 1-11, Applicants maintain that these claims are patentable at least based on the reasons set forth in the previously filed Response dated February 3, 2005 and the Amendment dated June 30, 2004.

Further, with respect to claims 1-11 and new claims 12-15, Applicant submits that these claims are patentable at least based on the following reasons.

Applicant submits that neither of the applied references, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least, “A method for displaying changes in operation states of network devices on a display screen of a client device,” and “receiving a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server devices from the server by the client device and displaying the change in the operation state of a specific device on a screen thereof,” as recited in new independent claim 12 and as similarly recited in independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7. In particular, the primary reference Mano only discloses displaying an animated stream and does not disclose a method for displaying changes in operation states of a network. The Examiner appears to have utilized impermissible hindsight reasoning in arriving at her conclusion that the features of the claimed invention are set forth in the applied references.

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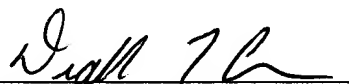
Mano only discloses a way to "display animated stream for monitoring streaming between devices," however Mano does not disclose a specific method for displaying changes in operation states of network devices on a display screen of a client device.

Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 5, 6, 7, and 12 are patentably distinguishable over the applied references, either alone or in combination.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-4, 8-11, and 13-15 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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